

<b>Curriculum Specialists</b>		<b>Agency/Program #:</b> 3501-06-I1
		<b>Division:</b> State Education Activities
		<b>Program:</b>
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**Program or Project Description:**

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Appropriation, Expenditure and Source				
Fund Name:	2008		2009	
	Approp.	Expended	Approp.	Expended
General Fund	959,700	959,416	925,092	95,933
State Special				
Federal Funds				
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$959,700</b>	<b>\$959,416</b>	<b>\$925,092</b>	<b>\$95,933</b>

Approp & Expenditure numbers are as of August 29, 2008

**Legislative Goal(s):**

Curriculum Specialists

**Legislative Performance Measures :**

1. Develop model curriculum in Science (Science Content and Performance Standards were revised in September 2006) and model curriculum for Full-Time Kindergarten and disseminate to Montana schools.
2. Revise content and performance standards in two academic content areas and disseminate to Montana schools.
3. Provide on-site assistance to Montana schools using effective schools research and peer reviewers. Curriculum specialists will assist Montana educators in the revisions of their Five-Year Comprehensive Education Plans and meeting accreditation standards.

2009 Biennium Significant Milestones:		Completion Dates	
		Target	Actual
1	• Hire six curriculum specialists	12/1/2007	On-going
2	• Develop and disseminate model curriculum for Science.	FY 2008	On-going
3	• Develop and disseminate model curriculum for Full-Time Kindergarten.	FY 2008	On-going
4	• Develop and disseminate revised content and performance standards for Library/Media, and Technology.	FY 2008	Jul-08
5	• Provide assistance to Montana educators in the revision of the Five-Year Comprehensive Education Plan.	FY 2008	On-going

• Train reviewers and conduct on-site reviews of two higher education teacher education  
See attachment A for 1 additional measure and further information on the milestones

FY 2008

On-going

### Agency Performance Report:

Hire Six Curriculum/Content Specialists

#### A. Hire Specialists

1. Posted position vacancies for Early Childhood and Communication Arts on the OPI Web site, Montana daily newspapers and Montana Job Service. The Early Childhood vacancy was also posted on the Web site of the National Association for the Education of Young Children's job vacancy section.
2. Interviewed for the Early Childhood and Communication Arts positions and offered a job in the Communication Arts position but the applicant declined the job offer.
3. The Early Childhood and Communication Arts position openings are currently posted until filled.
4. Math specialist position was filled and the specialist began work on June 30, 2008.

#### B. Provide Assistance to Montana Schools – Projects

1. Conducted technical assistance workshops for Science, Information Literacy/Library Media and Technology at multiple venues across the state.
2. Drafted Essential Learning Expectations for Science, Information Literacy/Library Media and Technology.
3. Revised and completed the Essential Learning Expectations for Science, Information Literacy/Library Media and Technology.
4. Conducted Math standards focus group to determine current and emerging needs related to mathematics education.
5. Developed and printed a Middle Grades booklet for distribution to Montana school districts

### LFD Narrative:

LFD ASSESSMENT: Progress Report Needed

DATA RELEVANCE: Yes

APPROPRIATION STATUS: Appropriation and expenditure data were provided.

COMMENTS/ISSUES: OPI continues to have difficulty filling a portion of the positions, the workgroup may wish to discuss the reasons behind the openings with OPI

OPTIONS: Upgrade or downgrade the rating - options for workgroup in relation to the rating are No further review or Progress Report Requested



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Change Description

**PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT REPORT**  
**Office of Public Instruction**  
**September 18, 2008**

**Appendix A – 3501-06-I1**

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- Hire six curriculum specialists.

Target: December 2007      Actual: on-going

OPI has hired four curriculum specialists (Library Media, Middle School/At Risk, Science, Mathematics). OPI has made a temporary hire to work in the area of High School Redesign while the agency continues its search for a Communication Arts specialist and an Early Childhood specialist.

- Develop and disseminate model curriculum for Science.

Target: Fiscal Year 2008      Actual: Ongoing

OPI is providing professional development modules to science teachers based on the new science standards. Upon completion of these modules, OPI will to work with a team of educators to develop a Science model curriculum.

- Develop and disseminate model curriculum for Full-Time Kindergarten.

Target: Fiscal Year 2008      Actual: Ongoing

OPI has developed and disseminated a draft Full-Time Kindergarten Model Curriculum. OPI is currently gathering comments from educators that will be used to finalize the curriculum.

- Develop and disseminate revised content and performance standards for Library/Media, and Technology.

Target: Fiscal Year 2008      Actual: July 2008

The Board of Public Education adopted the revised content standards for Information Literacy/Library Media and Technology in July 2008. OPI has posted the revised standards on its website for school personnel and the public to access.

- Provide assistance to Montana educators in the revision of the Five-Year Comprehensive Education Plan.

Target: Fiscal Year 2008      Actual: Ongoing

OPI has completed Phase I of the development of the Web-based online application of the Five-Year Comprehensive Education Plan. OPI's Guidebook to Correlates and Indicators for Effective Schools provides a framework for schools to identify opportunities for improvement and provide guidance for modification of a school district's existing Five-Year Comprehensive Education Plan.

- Train reviewers and conduct on-site reviews of two higher education teacher education preparation programs.

Target: Fiscal Year 2008      Actual: Ongoing

OPI has conducted planning site visits in preparation for the on-site reviews, which are scheduled for MSU-Bozeman –October 5-8, 2008 and UM-Western –October 25-29, 2008.

- Conduct on-site reviews of school districts to provide assistance in the Five-Year Comprehensive Education Plan and meet accreditation standards.

Target: Fiscal Year 2008      Actual: Ongoing

OPI provided information to districts on the development of the Web-base online application for the 5YCEP. On-site reviews are planned for FY 2009.